

Today's
Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDERS for SPECIE - MEXICAN DOLLARS. Current in this Colony, and weighing 7.17, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M. on MONDAY, the 3rd May.

The Tenders to state the total amount required (in Pounds Sterling), and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for sums less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate and in sealed covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

E. H. GORGES,
Colonel,
Chief Paymaster, China.
Her Majesty's Treasury Office,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [698]

ILLUMINATIONS.

DIAMOND JUBILEE, 1897.

All Firms requiring
ILLUMINATION DEVICES
in connection with the
JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
are requested to communicate AT ONCE with the
GAS COMPANY
so as to ensure completion of orders.
ESTIMATES supplied FREE.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [700]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been instructed by the CHIEF ORDNANCE OFFICER, CHINA, to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
TO-MORROW
(THURSDAY), the 29th April, 1897,
AT 11 A.M.
AT HER MAJESTY'S ARMY ORDNANCE STORES,
Queen's Road East,
THE FOLLOWING
GOVERNMENT STORES, &c.
CARTS & WHEELS, SHEETS, GROUND,
IRON WATER PUMPS, BLOCKS, CRABS,
HAND, BLACK, & IRON, AWNING,
BRASS, COPPER, GU, METAL, ROPS,
LINEN, COTTON, WOOLLEN, RAGS,
SHELLAC, HONEST, CHINA, CABIN LAMP,
JACK PLANES, CANVAS, EAST AND WEST
IRON, STEEL, OLD, SHOT, CHAIN, IRON
CABLE, CASKS, WAGGON CASES, IRON
DRUMS, TIMBER, LEATHER, &c.

ALSO
A QUANTITY OF
CLOTHING AND MATERIAL.
TERMS OF SALE - Cash on delivery. All
faults and errors of description at Purchaser's
risk on the fall of the hammer. All Lots to be
cleared within 48 hours.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [699]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S. S. "ARGVLL"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
respective wharves of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 5th May will be subject to
rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th
May, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 5th May, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [704]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship
"HAIMUN"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LAIRDALE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [697]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, KURACHEE, ADEN, SUZ,
MASSANA, PORT SAID, BRINDISI,
VENICE, FRIEDLAND, TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK
SEA, LEVANT AND ADRIATIC PORTS, also to
NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH
and CAPE TOWN.)

THE Company's Steamship

"VINIOBONA."
Captain C. Belen, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 3rd May.
Cargo will not be received on board after 3
P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [702]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR HAMBURG, LONDON, VIA SUZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
"SARPEDON."
Captain Geler, will be despatched as above on
or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th May.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [703]

Today's
Advertisements.THE FIRST EXHIBITION OF THE
"CINEMATOPHGRAPH."

ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
(CITY HALL).

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) 11
"THE CINEMATOPHGRAPH."

(THE GREATEST MARVEL OF THE AGE)
Will be exhibited, under the personal super-
vision of Professor MAURICE CHARVET, at the
following hours:-
11 A.M. 2.30 P.M. 5.30 P.M.
9 P.M. and 10.15 P.M.

ADMISSION 5s. CHILDREN HALF-PRICE.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [694]

THE PEAK CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL MEETING, to pass the
Accounts and elect a Committee for the
ensuing year, will be held in the LIBRARY at
ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, on FRIDAY, the 30th
instant, at 4.30 P.M.

R. F. COBOLD,
Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [701]

Intimations.

**DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.**

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co's WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and
other Large Consumers.

Any orders should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [7390]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS to "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS

OF

AERATED

WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is fitted with
the best English Machinery, embodying the
latest improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the
utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the
Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated
Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and
placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and
the full amount allowed for Packages and
Emplies when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on applica-
tion.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will
receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept
ready in Stock:-

PURE AERATED WATER,
SODA WATER,
LEMONADE,
POTASH WATER,
SALTZER WATER,
LITHIA WATER,
SARSAPARILLA WATER,
TONIC WATER,
GINGER ALE,
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or
greasy, or that appear to have been used for any
other purpose than that of containing Aerated
Waters, as such Bottles are never used again
by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1897. [6]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1897.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

THE GRECO-TURKISH WAR.

LONDON, April 28th.
The Turks have occupied Larissa after six
days' constant fighting. The decisive battle was
fought on Friday near Ilyssos and resulted in
the retreat of the Greeks to Pharsalos. The
retreat, which was a perfect rout, was closely
pursued by the Turkish cavalry which did great
execution. Reuters' and several other special
correspondents had very narrow escapes.

The Greeks in Epirus have met with a severe
check at Ploeghe, where they lost 500 in killed
and wounded.

ACCOUPEMENT OF THE DUCHESS
OF YORK.

The Duchess of York has given birth to a
daughter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ADMIRAL BUSH, of the Siam Navy, is leaving
Bangkok shortly for London, to consult the best
eye specialists, his sight being very defective.

An Italian opera has come to grief in Manila.
The Company has been disbanded and money
returned to those who subscribed for season
tickets.

Dr. Denton E. Peterson, dentist, is reported to
have decided to practice his profession at
Tientsin and with that object in view has leased
a house in the northern port.

MR. J. CHINDA, Consul-General for Japan at
Shanghai, has been appointed Minister to Brazil.
Mr. Kamiyama, Vice-Consul, is now in tem-
porary charge of Japanese interests at Shanghai.

MANY of our readers will be very glad to hear
that the popular Sunday performances of the
West Yorks band will be resumed next Sunday,
and May. The band will play at 9 p.m. instead
of 12.30 as formerly.

THE Hon. H. Stewart Lockhart informs us
that he has received a telegram from Sir
Farquhar Malet, Calcutta, thanking him for
"his instalment to the famine fund." This
refers to the contribution from Formosa.

DR. NANKEN has given orders for the construc-
tion of a new 20-ton yacht, which is already on
the stocks at Lunenburg, in Norway. The object
in fitting out this small cruising vessel is to take
soundings around the coast-line of Norway and
Spitzbergen.

* If you wish to doubt about the pronunciation
or spelling of a word, look it up in Webster's
Dictionary. It is a standard work and is offered
for sale at the Hongkong Telegraph office at a
price that places it within reach of every-
body. *Vide* advt.

Two brothel-keepers were charged at the Ma-
gistracy this morning with unlawfully detaining
a girl of 19 against her will. The complainant
told so many different stories at the defendant's
were discharged. Mr. Mouney appeared for
the defendant.

AMONG the highest speeds attained by the
Atlantic liners last year, the *Cambria* stands
ahead of all competitors, with 11.86 knots for an
entire trip. The American built steamer *St. Paul*
comes next, with 21.08 knots. The highest
average speed of the White Star line was 10.17
knots made by the *Teslonic*.

At the Magistracy to-day an enquiry was held
into the cause of the fire at No. 95, Wing Lok St.
The master and his accountant gave evidence,
and as some complication arose as to the contents
of the house at the time of the fire, the inquiry
was adjourned till Monday, the 3rd proximo, for
the books to be inspected.

CAPTAIN Long, of the steamer *Tien Kai*, which
arrived on Sunday, from Singapore, reports that
he saw the stranded N. Y. K. steamer *Himeji*
Maru on the Bombay Reef. Dense masses
of smoke were issuing from her fore hatch and
there was a large fleet of junks in the vicinity,
so it is supposed that she has been looted and
then set on fire. Her hull is as upright as if
she were in dock.

THE Japanese Consul courteously informs us
that he has received a telegram Count O'Kuma,
Minister for Foreign Affairs, stating that
H. H. Prince Arisugawa, travelling incognito
under the title of Count Sawa, will leave
Yokohama for the Sydney on the 2nd May to
attend the celebration in London of the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

MR. WILLIAMS of the Bay View Hotel, was
charged at the Magistracy to-day with assaulting
a barboy. He was checking some accounts when
the boy contradicted him and then defendant
gave him a blow with his fist, which he after-
wards repented and told the boy that he was
very sorry that he had not been able to control
his temper. Defendant also denied that another
boy who was brought as a witness was present
and said he was sorry he could not bring any-
body in support of his allegation. Mr. Wode-
house inflicted a fine of \$5 and a further \$2 to
be paid as compensation to the complainant.
Some "Chiao" boys and coolies are most
exasperating, and with knowledge that they can
"make it hot" for their masters in the Police
Court often deliberately invite assault by the use
of grossly offensive words and actions.

AT the weekly parade of the police at the Central
Station this afternoon Captain May, on behalf
of the officers and men presented to Dr. Ayres,
Colonial Surgeon, a farewell address. Besides
the police there was a large number of ladies
present, including Mrs. May. In making the
presentation the Cyprian Superintendent spoke
in warm terms of the Doctor's many good
qualities and said that in parting with him all
hands were losing a staunch friend. The ad-
dress was couched in warmly eulogistic terms
and was artistically written on vellum and bound
in embossed leather. Dr. Ayres returned thanks
in very feeling terms, making special reference to
his pleasant associations with "the force"
during his 25 years of office. Refreshments
were served by the ladies during the afternoon.
Dr. Ayres leaves for home to-morrow by the
Japan.

It is reported that the widow of Dr. Rial is in
command of several companies of well armed
rebels at Nalc, Cavite province, and has not
retired with her forces into Laguna province, as
was reported the other day.

MR. W. NOVTS MORRHOUS, Commissioner of
Customs, has arrived here from that dead-end
place Robbelsdehl or Pakhol or something.
He is, we believe, going on to Amoy
to-morrow to take over charge from Mr. Com-
missioner Campbell.

EXHIBITIONS of the Cinematograph were given
to-day in St. Andrew's Hall and will be repeated
this evening. The display is a most unique one
well illustrating the capabilities of photography
and electricity and the interesting nature of the
pictures helps to make the show extremely
attractive.

On the 21st instant the Amoy Dramatic Club
gave a capital performance of "The Ladies
Battle" and judging from the brief account of it
supplied by our correspondent it appears to have
been as great a success as the recent Flower
Show, and that is saying a good deal for the
latter was in every way a well arranged and
charming function.

At the Magistracy this afternoon the Jarvis
St. enquiry was resumed. Mr. L. Denney was
prosecutor for the proceedings for the Crown.
Mr. Gedge appeared for the insurance firm
interested and the prisoners were represented by
Mr. V. H. Deacon. A witness, a resident
of the house, gave evidence, and said he knew
nothing of the line being in the house. Inspector
Duncan told of finding kerchiefs taken up and
mats and mats, saturated with the oil in the
accusant's room. He also found a tin of
kerosene on a shelf with a quilt and mats over
it soaked with the oil and half burnt. The tin
lying on its side as to pour its contents. Cotton
torch was on the shelf. Kerosene was also
found in a chair. The enquiry was
adjourned till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Chamber
of Commerce was held at the rooms, City
Hall, at 3 p.m. to-day. There was a large
attendance of members and, in the absence of
the Chairman (Mr. A. McConachie) the
Vice-Chairman (Mr. Herbert Smith) presided.

The Chairman said - Gentlemen, the report
has been in your hands some days, and with
your permission, I propose that it be taken as
read. The various questions which have during
the past year engaged the attention of the
Chamber are fully dealt with therein and I
need only allude to those of special interest, or
to those that are still exciting discussion. The
announcement by Reuters in May last that Li
Hung Chang would, while on his mission to
defend the European Courts, endeavour to get their
sanction to a 20 per cent. increase in the Chinese
tariff on imports, excited the attention of the
Committee. We took measures to secure com-
mercial bodies, and, as the event proved,
the view was a very, very, very, very, very
correct one. In the advance of the
Chinese envoy's visit to England, where in due
course it is reported that he broached the matter
to Lord Salisbury. The Premier, in reply, in
effect said that he would wish to consult the
Chambers of Commerce in China before taking
any decisive action, and we can only hope that,
in any case, negotiations will be deferred until
the Chinese envoy has properly tested the value of
Chinese official pledges in relation to the Trans-
it Pass Trade in the two Kwang provinces.

Proclamations have recently been issued there
by the Liki Offices which, if rigidly enforced,
may render such a trade possible, where for more
than thirty years it has, in defiance of the stipu-
lations of the Tientsin Treaty, been impractic-
able, owing to the obstructive tactics of the
provincial officials. I may add that, as a
matter of fact, we have not been assured,
on the higher authority, that the Chinese
Government have never once broached the ques-
tion to any of the Foreign Ministers at Peking,
and that no instructions have come out to the
later from their Governments in connection
therewith. Li Hung Chang, no doubt hoping to
obtain kudos at Peking if successful in the
attempt to secure a revision of the tariff, played
this off his own bat, with, however, very in-
different success. It may be worth while remem-
bering, too, that the Japanese Treaty signed at
Shimonoseki in 1895 has not yet been run,
and that the Chinese Government are not yet
willing to let that term for alterations by virtue of
the most-favourable nation clause. As you are
well aware, the trade of this port again suffered
considerably last year owing to quarantine
restrictions. The Chamber lost no opportunity
of protesting against the unnecessary prolonga-
tion of these precautions, but, in some directions,
with very qualified success. More particularly
is this the case in the Philippines, where on the
9th ultimo a quarantine was reimposed against
vessels from Hongkong and ports of China, al-
though without any valid grounds. Protests from
this Chamber through the Spanish Consul seem to
have been uniformly disregarded at Manila, and
I fear it is hopeless to look for reasonable treat-
ment in this respect in the forthcoming Spanish
colony. Nevertheless we must not relax our
efforts to obtain more moderate treatment.
The inadequate accommodation at the Post
Office and the as yet believed, consequent
late delivery of the mails to the Government
on the subject last summer. Since then increased
accommodation has been obtained by the
annexation to the Post Office of a portion
of the ground floor of the adjoining
Court-house, but I regret to say that I cannot
record any improvement in the administration
of this Department. Delays in the delivery of
mails are not more frequent than ever, to the
great inconvenience of the entire commercial
community. Concerning the action of the
Telegraph Companies in raising their rates to
Europe, America and Shanghai immediately
following the satisfaction of the Telegraph
Convention on the 31st July last, there is little
further to be said. This Chamber made a
prompt and energetic protest against that action
and although, thanks to the influence of the
Foreign Office, there has been a concession in
rates on certain of the Eastern Extension Co's
lines, and a reduction in rates from home to
China, we may be sure that the monopoly
created by the Convention cannot fail to be
prejudicial to the interests of our business
cheaper means of communication, a matter of
great importance in these days of keen competi-
tion and narrow margins of profit. The agitation
against the continued imposition of the special
light tax levied to secure payment of the cost of
the Gap Rock Lighthouse will be fresh in all
memories. It was commented by this Chamber
and strongly supported by the shipping com-
panies and firms, who have specially petitioned
against the proposal to convert the voluntary
temporary impost into a permanent tax to be
merged in the general revenue. The appeal
was sent home to the Secretary of State and a
satisfactory reply from Downing Street has just
been made public. It recognizes the importance

of preserving the freedom of this port, which was
our main contention, and we and the shipping
interests are to be congratulated upon this
success, carried out not only without assistance
from, but notwithstanding the advice of, the
Local Authorities. That long-expected and
much-anticipated concession, the opening of
the West River to foreign trade and steam na-
vigation has, at last, been secured. That it is
a concession has been signed under which
two Treaty ports and four calling stations on
that river are to be opened on the 4th June next.
We are greatly indebted to Sir Claude Mc-
Donald, Her Britannic Majesty's energetic
Minister at Peking, for his exertions in pressing
for and eventually obtaining this concession.
It is not perhaps all we had hoped for - we
should have liked to have seen the river opened
up in Nanjing - but no doubt that will come
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